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RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF KENSINGTON,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1st, 1877.

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of the Town Treasurer for 1875,	\$2049 28
Cyrus D. Wadleigh, Collector for 1875,	343 76
Joseph W. Brown, " " 1876,	5504 23
County Treasurer, for support of Stephen H. Brown and family,	162 00
State Treasurer, railroad tax,	23 60
" " savings bank tax,	174 42
" " literary fund,	43 20
Charles E. Tuck, for use of town house,	3 50
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	\$8303 99

EXPENSES.

Paid State Tax in full,	808 00
County Tax in full,	821 11
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	\$1629 11

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Edward Brewer, Prudential Committee for District No. 1,	\$363 45
Samuel Lamprey, Prudential Committee for District No. 2,	386 75
Samuel Lamprey, Prudential Committee for District No. 2, for school house purposes,	655 00
Jonathan E. Brown, for services as Superintending School Committee	15 00
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	\$1420 20

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Auditors for 1875,	\$2 00
J. D. P. Wingate, printing town accounts for 1875,	18 00
John A Blake copying town accounts for 1875,	4 69
Harrison Rowe, Prudential Committee for District No. 1, one half dog tax remaining for 1874 and 1875,	2 00
S. Lamprey, Prudential Committee for District No. 2, one half dog tax remaining for 1874 and 1875	2 00
N. Eastman, for board and lodging 5 transient persons in 1875,	3 75
S. Lamprey, for making taxes and recording invoice,	10 00
Joshua Getchell, sealing weights and measures,	1 70
Joseph Poor, sealing weights and measures,	1 62
Joshua Getchell, for nails, hasps and staples,	70
Joseph Poor, for lumber,	1 10
Oscar W. Hodgdon, for painting 11 old guide boards, making and painting 12 new ones, and putting up the same,	17 25

Paid J.D. Prescott, for labor putting up guide boards, furnishing guide post and setting the same,	\$2 50
John T. Blake, for services as Moderator at the March election,	2 00
Wm. Stickney, for advice,	3 00
G. Marston, for advice,	2 00
Thomas H. Blake, services as Town Clerk,	28 20
G. E. Lane, blanks, books and stationery,	7 54
J Getchell, for standard scale beam, weights and measures,	20 50
W. N. Shaw, for 2 guide posts and setting the same,	1 25
J. French for maintaining a public watering place	2 00
W. S. Hobbs, for maintaining a public water- ing place.	2 00
T. H. Blake, distributing Constitutional pam- phlets,	2 50
James W. W. Brown, damage done to plow on highway,	3 00
J. A. Blake, damage to plow on highway,	1 50
J. W. W. Brown, for one guide post, one-half day's work putting up guide boards,	1 25
N. Eastman and others, putting up tramps, from March 1876, to March 1877,	9 75
N. Gilman and others, their non-resident high- way taxes,	27 92
J. D. Prescott, for labor on burying ground fence,	1 25
Ira Fellows, for attending seven funerals with hearse,	8 75
Joseph W. Brown, collecting taxes in part for 1876,	52 52
Surveying one day and for taking affidavits,	1 50
	\$245 05

FOR MAKING SNOW PATHS IN 1876-7.

Paid Benjamin G. Moulton, for making snow paths

in April, 1876,

		\$6 00
E. A. Tilton,	do.	4 25
Jere Dow,	do.	3 63
B. F. Lovering,	do.	8 85
J. P. Smith,	do.	3 95
D. G. York,	do.	5 30
G. W. Walton,	do.	75
Stephen Green,	do.	3 47
Charles Foss,	do.	4 50
Oliver Clifford,	do.	75
C. D. Wadleigh,	do.	4 35
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		\$45 80

Paid S. Green, for making snow paths in Dec., 1876,

and Jan. 1877,

		\$13 69
C. D. Wadleigh,	do.	19 05
Wm. H. Hodgdon,	do.	39 00
F. L. Blake,	do.	26 18
J. E. Brown,	do.	33 53
S. C. Chase,	do.	42 70
J. P. Smith,	do.	3 22
J. W. W. Brown,	do.	21 40
J. W. York,	do.	34 06
W. N. Shaw,	do.	45 90
S. Austin,	do.	59 33
C. W. Tilton,	do.	63 05
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		\$401 11
		45 80
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		\$446 91

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid E. A. Tilton, for labor on highways and bridges,		\$7 50
F. L. Blake,	do.	2 40
D. G. York,	do.	4 50
J. N. Austin,	do.	1 35
J. Lovering,	do.	1 00
J. Palmer,	do.	3 30
J. W. W. Brown,	do.	1 50
J. Dow,	do.	4 00
W. G. Hodgdon,	do.	3 00
C. Lovering,	do.	1 05
A. T. Rowe,	do.	41 85
B. G. Moulton,	do.	2 25
B. Moulton,	do.	3 00
W. N. Shaw,	do.	32 43
J. W. York, labor and materials,		17 40
E. Lovering, "		75

		\$127 33

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid John Collins, for boarding and clothing Ruth Rowe, from March 1st, 1876, to March 1st, 1877,	178 37
For Stephen H. Brown and Family, to March 3, 1877,—cash \$152.50, wood \$9.50,	162 00

	\$340 37

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Stephen Green, interest on town note.	\$20 25
T. H. Kimball " "	52 83
Jeremiah Tilton " "	65 64
Edmund Morrill, interest on town bond,	60 00
H. P. Batchelder " "	30 00
T. K. Mace, interest and part principal,	136 57

Paid E. B. Brown, interest on town note,	\$82 72
C. Gove, " "	1 00
B. B. Leavitt, for S. E. Leavitt, interest and part principal on town note	1539 60
J. N. Healey, interest,	74 43
J. L. Lamprey,	94 06
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	\$2157 28

ABATEMENTS.

Paid S. P. Tilton, cow that died,	91
S. N. Hobbs, horse over estimated,	1 83
G. W. Walton, cow died,	67
J. Tuck, "	64
J. D. Prescott, "	73
J. D. Prescott, horse died,	27
J. A. Gill, "	1 27
F. L. Blake, for debt,	4 28
S. Lamprey, over estimated on land,	64
Heirs of G. W. Stuart	1 13
J. N. Austin, dog tax,	1 00
Moses Brown, poll tax,	2 12
John Chase, for debt,	4 98
J. Snyder, dog tax,	1 00
Moses E. Stevens, poll tax,	2 12
George Sawyer, over 70 years,	2 12
William Walton, "	2 12
Mary E. Blake, over estimated on land,	4 60
Mark Wadleigh, dog tax,	1 00
S. C. Sawyer, "	1 00
B. F. Lovering, "	1 00
John L. Eaton, " (female)	2 00
John Piper, horse died,	56
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	\$46 75

ABATEMENTS FOR 1875.

Paid George Sawyer,	\$2 19
Mark Cilley,	2 19
Frederick Hirch,	2 19
Albert Young,	2 19
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	\$8 76

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Paid Selectmen for their services for the year 1876, \$107 75

TREASURER'S BILLS.

Paid J. D. Prescott, services as Treasurer,	\$20 00
J. D. Prescott, time and expenses to Concord to settle with the State,	5 00
J. D. Prescott, time and expenses paying notes and interest,	10 00
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	\$35 00

TOWN DEBT.

The principal is in two town bonds of \$1000 each, at six per cent,	2000 00
And nine notes, at five per cent.,	10618 33
Interest on bonds and notes to March 1, 1877,	151 40
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	\$12769 73

Reduction of debt the past year,	1479 84
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1748 24
Remaining in hands of Collector for 1875,	226 42
Remaining in hands of Collector for 1870,	10 44
Remaining in hands of Collector for 1876.	433 49

JOSIAH D. PRESCOTT, } Selectmen
JAMES W. W. BROWN, } of
SAMUEL LAMPREY, } Kensington.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them
properly vouched and correctly cast.

JOHN A. BLAKE, } Auditors.
JOSEPH N. AUSTIN, }

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN: In the judgement of your committee the schools of the town in the past year have met all reasonable expectations. While some facts might be noticed regretfully, there are many more relating to the condition and progress of the several schools that must be regarded as highly gratifying and encouraging. The general deportment of the scholars has been excellent; and for their fidelity and success the teachers are deserving of special commendation. No complaint or report of dissatisfaction has reached the ears of the Committee.

The town is to be congratulated on the manifestation of so great interest in the schools on the part of the inhabitants generally. At two of the recent annual examinations the number of visitors exceeded that of the scholars in attendance. If our schools are not all we could desire, they will, probably, compare favorably with the common schools in neighboring towns. In our efforts for their improvement, we would not, however, be unmindful of the fact, that in towns and cities not far distant from us are to be found schools greatly superior to ours—some of the best in the country, may we not say in the world. These will probably hold their advanced position in all improvements in methods of discipline and instruction. As the most direct way of securing to ourselves the benefit of their peculiar excellencies, of keeping teachers and scholars within the current of progress, your committee would suggest that the respective school dis-

tricts require their teachers, under the direction of the Superintending and Prudential Committees, to make one visit or more annually to some of the best schools within a convenient distance, and that the Prudential Committees be instructed to pay the necessary expenses of such visitations, accompanied, perhaps, by some of their pupils—and this would be desirable—the teachers, on a summer's day, might go even so far as Boston before the school hour of the morning, and remaining through both sessions of the day, arrive at their home before the shades of evening. We cannot expect that all our teachers will come to us from Normal schools, or with years of experience in their work, or otherwise thoroughly qualified for their duties. Nor is it always practicable for teachers to attend the sessions of the Normal Institutes. Besides, it is believed that most teachers will learn more readily, and what will be far more helpful, by witnessing for a few hours the daily routine school drill under efficient, practical teachers, than in weeks' or months' attendance on lectures of ambitious educational theorists and hobby-riders.

There has been no change of teachers in any of the schools during the year. All are natives of the town, and of the districts respectively in which they have taught; and have boarded through the year with their parents at home.

Number of children in the town, in April last, between the ages of 5 and 15, 69. Males, 41; females, 28.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Edward Brewer, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Emma Blodgett.

Wages \$40 per month. Summer Term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 45; *average 41; not absent any half-day, 16.

Fall Term, 11 weeks; whole number, 52; average 43; not absent any half day, 7.

Winter Term, 12 weeks; whole number, 41; average 35; not absent a half day, 8.

Number attending to each study: Reading, 52; Spelling, 52; Penmanship, 52; Arithmetic, 46; Grammar, 18; Geography, 32; Composition, 18; History, 1; Physiology, 3; Book-keeping, 4; Rhetoric, 1.

*In each case a small fraction is omitted.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Samuel Lamprey, Prudential Committee.

EAST SCHOOL.

Teacher, Sarah Hilliard.

Wages \$25 per month. Summer Term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 22; average 20; number not absent a half day, 5.

Fall Term. Number of scholars, 25; average 21; not absent a half day, 8.

Winter Term. Number of scholars, 21; average 19; not absent a half day, 1.

Number attending to each study: Reading, 25; Spelling, 25; Penmanship, 19; Arithmetic, 19; Geography, 12; Grammar, 8; Composition, 12; U. S. History, 1; Physiology, 3; Book-keeping, 3; Drawing, 8.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

WEST SCHOOL.

Teacher, S. Agnes Badger.

Wages \$25 per month. Summer Term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 18; average 13; not absent a half day, 2.

Fall Term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 18; average 12; not absent a half day, 2.

Winter Term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 12; average 10; not absent a half day, 2.

Number of scholars attending to each study: Reading, 18; Spelling, 18; Penmanship, 11; Arithmetic, 12; Geography, 7; Grammar, 3; Book-keeping, 1; Drawing, 1. Scholars not absent any half day in the year, Lizzie E. Tucker, Fred W. Rollins, George B. Shaw, Moses W. Evans.

JONATHAN E. BROWN,

Superintending Committe.

Kensington, March 1, 1876.